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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 24, 1976

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

- U.S. COVERAGE IS HEAVY IN COMPARISON WITH RECENT TREND AND MIXED IN TONE.
- PRAVDA NOTES GROMYKO SET TO VISIT DENMARK IN EARLY OCTOBER.
- FRG ARMS INDUSTRY GETS ONE-TWO PUNCH FROM PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA, PRAVDA CONDEMNS SALE OF ARMS TO CHILE AND IZVESTIYA QUOTES FRG PRESS TO BEAT MESSERSCHMIDT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF "MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX" OVER HEAD.
- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA BOTH NOTE SCHEDULED VISIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR ARMED CRUISER TO AUSTRALIA, SECOND SUCH VISIT SINCE FRASER GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE.
- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA FRONT-PAGE THE BREZHNEV-PODGORNY-KOSYGIN GREETINGS TO THEIR ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS CEAUSESCU AND MANESCU ON THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF ROMANIA'S WORLD WAR II LIBERATION. THE GREETING AND OTHER COVERAGE SEEM WARMER THIS YEAR THAN LAST.
- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES BEIRUT TASS MATERIAL CITING LEBANESE PRESS ON CHARGE THAT RIGHTIST EFFORT TO PARTITION LEBANON ENJOYS SUPPORT OF U.S. FULLEST ACCOUNT IS IN PRAVDA WHICH USES ALLEGED DEAN BROWN TV INTERVIEW REMARKS TO BACK UP THIS CHARGE. MISSION OF TWO U.S. DIPLOMATS TO RIGHTIST-CONTROLLED AREAS OF LEBANON IS ALSO INTERPRETED IN THIS LIGHT.
- KZ HAS ITEM FROM TASS CAIRO CORRESPONDENT A. SURIKOV WHICH CRITICIZES RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT BY SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, UAE, AND QATAR TO OFFER \$2 BILLION IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO EGYPT.
- PRAVDA HAS BRIEF TASS LUSAKA ITEM REPORTING THAT UN COMMISSIONER

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FOR NAMIBIA, SEA MCBRIDE, DECLARED TO TASS CORRESPONDENT THAT SWAPO WAS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.
-- PRAVDA CARRIES LENGTHY SURVEY OF POST-WWII LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE BY DOCTOR OF HISTORY, I. GRIGULEVICH. GRIGULEVICH SAYS CUBAN REVOLUTION AND "CHILEAN EXPERIMENT" CONFIRM MARXIST-LENINIST TEACHING THAT REVOLUTION CAN TAKE PLACE BY EITHER PEACEFUL OR "NOT PEACEFUL" MEANS. AT THIS MOMENT LATIN AMERICA IS GOING

THROUGH A COMPLICATED PERIOD, SAYS GRIGULEVICH, CITING INCREASED REPRESSION OF COMMUNISTS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES BUT FORCES OPPOSED TO IMPERIALISM AND OLIGARCHY HAVE LEARNED LESSONS FROM THEIR DEFEATS AND ARE PREPARING FOR NEW BATTLES.

-- THE SOVIET PRESS AGAIN CARRIES NO MENTION OF THE KOREAN SITUATION. MAKING THIS SILENCE MORE CONSPICUOUS, PRAVDA CARRIES AN ITEM FROM ITS PYONGYANG CORRESPONDENT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH KOREA.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES A FOLLOW-UP COMMENTARY BY M. ROSTARCHUK ON THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT WHICH LISTS THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS FROM MOSCOW'S PERSPECTIVE AND ASSERTS THAT THOSE "FALSE VOICES" WHO ECHOED IMPERIALIST AND PEKING PROPAGANDA WERE NOT SUPPORTED IN THE CONFERENCE.

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATELY HEAVY, AND MIXED IN TONE.

-- KZ HAS LONG ARTICLE ON "STRATEGIC SUFFICIENCY" BY MAJOR GENERAL R. SIMONYAN CLAIMING U.S. CONCEPT HAS OBVIOUS IF VEILED OBJECTIVE OF "ACHIEVEMENT OF SUPERIORITY."

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY SHORT TASS STORY CHARGING THAT PENTAGON'S USE OF "HUMANITARIAN AID" TO PROMOTE STRATEGIC INTERESTS IS SHOWN IN AID MEMORANDUM CALLING FOR U.S. EARTHQUAKE AID TO PHILIPPINES TO BE USED AS "TRUMP CARD" IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE ON QUARREL BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN OVER U.S. 200 MILE FISHING ZONE.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES LENGTHY ARTICLE BY IZVESTIYA POLITICAL OBSERVER V. MATVEEV BASED ON IMPRESSIONS GAINED DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO U.S. AS PART OF DELEGATION OF SOVIET JOURNALISTS. OVERALL, ARTICLE DOES NOT LEAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THE READER, BUT MATVEEV DOES EMPHASIZE U.S. PREOCCUPATION WITH ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. MATVEEV CITES AT SOME LENGTH LOU HARRIS POLITICAL POLL SHOWN HIM BY JOHN RILEY, PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL. ACCORDING TO MATVEEV, POLL ALSO INDICATED OVERWHELMING U.S. CONCERN WITH ECONOMIC SITUATION AS OPPOSED TO FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY, BUT POLL ALSO WENT ON TO INDICATE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH USSR. STOESSEL

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